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SUBJECT: CALL BY GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS ON COUNSELOR  
NIMETZ

1. AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ JULY  
27. PURPOSE OF CALL WAS NEVER EXPLICITLY DEFINED BUT  
SEEMED TO BE ALEXANDRAKIS' INTEREST IN DEPT VIEWS ON HOW  
THE PROCESS TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO WOULD PROCEED.

2. NIMETZ SAID THAT WHATEVER ACTION TAKEN BY THE HOUSE  
AUGUST 1, THERE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE DIFFERENCES IN THE SENATE  
AND HOUSE VERSIONS OF THE OVERALL BILL AND, THUS, IT  
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WOULD BE SENT TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. EVEN IF THE HOUSE  
DID NOT REPEAL SECTION 620(X), THE CONFEREES WOULD BE  
REQUIRED TO WORK OUT COMMON LANGUAGE STARTING FROM SENATE  
AND HOUSE VERSIONS AFTER WHICH IT WOULD BE SENT BACK TO  
BOTH HOUSES FOR ANOTHER VOTE. THE MAJORITY LEADER IN EACH  
HOUSE WOULD SELECT THE CONFEREES, WHO WOULD INCLUDE AT  
LEAST CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF THE TWO

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES. NIMETZ STATED IT WAS OUR PREFERENCE THAT THE HOUSE PASS THE PART OF BILL RELATING TO THE EMBARGO IN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME FORM AS IT WAS REPORTED OUT OF THE HIRC, BUT THERE MIGHT WELL BE AMENDMENT ALONG GENERAL LINES OF BYRD AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY SENATE.

3. NIMETZ STRESSED IT WAS OUR STRONG HOPE THAT WE COULD GET THIS ENTIRE MATTER BEHIND US IN THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE ORDER SO THAT WE CAN DEVOTE OUR ENERGIES IN THE COMING MONTHS TO WORKING WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO REVITALIZE OUR RELATIONSHIP AND TO MINIMIZE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT FLOWS FROM THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. IN THAT REGARD, NIMETZ SAID THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM THE GREEK SIDE ON AREAS WHERE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

4. ALEXANDRAKIS TOLD NIMETZ THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED A VERY MEASURED STATEMENT IN THE WAKE OF THE SENATE ACTION. HE ASSURED NIMETZ THAT IT WAS THE INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US IN THE COMING MONTHS.

5. TURNING TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ALEXANDRAKIS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY ACTIVITY STEMMING FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOT VAROSHA PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOME PROGRESS

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COULD BE ACHIEVED ON THAT QUESTION. NIMETZ RESPONDED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MET WITH SEC GEN WALDHEIM JULY 26 AND THAT THE VAROSHA SITUATION WAS PROBABLY TOUCHED ON. WALDHEIM'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS, GALINDO-POHL, WAS INITIATING CONTACT WITH THE PARTIES ON THE ISLAND AS A FIRST STEP. NIMETZ EMPHASIZED THAT WE WANTED TO SEE SOMETHING POSITIVE COME FROM THE VAROSHA PROPOSALS, AND WE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE UN HAVING A PRIMARY ROLE IN NEW FAMAGUSTA. NIMETZ ALSO NOTED OUR PLEASURE AT THE GREEK CYPRIOT WILLINGNESS TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON AN OPEN AGENDA.

6. FYI. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT HOUSE DEBATE ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WILL BEGIN LATE MONDAY, JULY 31. A RULE HAS BEEN OBTAINED LIMITING DEBATE TO THREE HOURS, WITH TWO HOURS SPECIFICALLY SET ASIDE FOR THE EMBARGO ISSUE. HOWEVER, DEBATE AND VOTES ON THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE BILL RELATING TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WILL PROBABLY BEGIN TUESDAY, AUGUST 1. END FYI. VANCE

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